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State Health Commissioner

DATE: August 28, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Steinbeck Country Produce Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; *Salmonella* on iceless green onions; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The recall is limited to 3,360 cartons of 4 count/2 pound, 2 count/24 bunch and 4 count/ 12 bunch bags of iceless green onions packed under the "Nature's Reward" label with lot code 9CPO937, and a private foodservice label with lot code 96CPGO07. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Voluntary Product Recall: Steinbeck Country Green Onions

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- August 28, 2009 - Salinas, CA - As a result of routine testing, the USDA has found a positive result for *Salmonella* on iceless green onions shipped by Steinbeck Country Produce of Salinas, CA. The onions were farmed and packed by a grower in Mexicali, Mexico, near the California border.

To date, no illnesses associated with the consumption of this product have been reported. To demonstrate extreme caution, Steinbeck Country Produce is voluntarily recalling product with lot code numbers 96CPGO07 or 9CPO937 shipped between August 4 and August 22, 2009.

"This recall is voluntary, based on a strong sense of caution for consumer well-being. Food safety is our primary concern at Steinbeck Country Produce, and this recall shows that our procedures are efficient, effective and immediate," said Chris Huntington, Steinbeck Country Produce CEO. "Fortunately, there are not any reported illnesses at this time, and we will continue to respond quickly and efficiently to ensure consumer well-being."

Vendors who received the product were immediately identified and notified on Thursday, August 27 and were instructed to destroy any product remaining in inventory.

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No other Steinbeck Country Produce products or packs are involved in this recall.

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